

I think the NCVEC is right when they made the request to the FCC to discontinue administering Element 1, the 5 words-per-minute telegraphy examination.

While telegraphy had its time and place I think that place has long since past. If you listen to the CW bands on HF now a day over half of the people are using a computer to generate the code and I would guess about that many are doing the same to receive the code.

There are so many ways to communicate in a narrow band other than CW. Its hard to beleive CW has lasted as long as it has. Digital on HF is so much faster than CW and much more reliable. In a emergancy so much more traffic can be past over the air via digital than CW.

During the recent blackout on the east coast alot of info past via digital where you can use a laptop and a radio hooked to battery and away you go.

Therefore its my feeling the CW requirement for ham radio operators in the HF band should be dropped. There really is no need for morse code requirement anymore.

Thank you for your time.

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